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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending unchanged to higher for next week's trading. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand into retail and food service was fair to good entering the weekend, best for ads and promotions. Supplies were in balance to well cleared with heavier sizes in the East more available. In the parts structure, trading was at times more active prior to the weekend, but for some, regular commitments were sufficient. Breast items were at least adequate or available, wings were fully sufficient, and dark meat was balanced to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable, but trending lighter in the South due to heat.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/16-07/20/01 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	51.00-55.00	51.00-66.50	54.16	25
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	55.00-57.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	63.50-65.00	51.50-66.00	64.01	82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
749	57.50-66.50	63.43
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	205.50	1,259
BREASTS - B/S	142.00	4,008
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,074
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	713
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,773
WINGS	97.00	2,708

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were trending unchanged to higher when compared to last Monday's majority. Whole birds were generally steady. Supplies ranged light to good, mostly normal for a Friday. Parts activity was generally spotty with most buyers finding committed product sufficient for needs. Leg quarters were well cleared with the balance of items adequate to long. Wings and boneless breasts were barely steady to steady. The remaining items were steady.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food. Supplies were in balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were mixed, but available, and dark meat was adequate to close balanced and moving well. Wings were at least sufficient with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights desirable to at times light due to hot temperatures.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last Friday. The market tone was generally steady. Trading reported for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Demand was good for parts and moderate for whole body. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 89, whole cut-up 79, boneless breasts 179-299, breast tenders 399, split breasts 97-229, drumsticks 79-189, thighs 79-189, boneless leg meat 119, leg quarters 10# bags 590, (IQF 4# - party wings 698, split breasts 698, drumsticks 358, thighs 358; 3# - wing drumettes 548, boneless thighs 648, breast tenders 798, breasts fillets 798); Northern California - boneless breasts 299, split breasts 139-249, drumsticks 139, thighs 79-139, leg quarters 89.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but was mostly fair to moderate overall. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds remained in the best balanced position. The 3.5 pound and heavier sizes were at least adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were at least adequate, and boneless-skinless breasts were available. Leg quarters were closely cleared. Wings sufficient.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were adequate to well cleared on 2.5 to 3 pound sizes; adequate to fully adequate on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were in good balance to adequate. Boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate. Leg quarters and drums were well cleared. Wings were adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	56-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.46
NO. OF BOXES	13,459
CUMULATIVE	07/09/01-07/13/01 60.56
	07/10/00-07/14/00 56.14
NO. OF BOXES	07/09/01-07/13/01 65,613
	07/10/00-07/14/00 40,232

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

JULY 12

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

JUL 13

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	947	122.00-204.00	140-148	142.02	945	122.00-205.00	140-148	143.26	4,732	141.80	
TENDERLOINS	1,064	145.00-235.00	145	152.44	986	145.00-235.00	145	148.10	4,368	150.52	
BREAST - LINE RUN	119	73.00-78.00	74-76	74.57	TOO FEW TO REPORT					667	74.48
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					355	72.04
LEGS	168	40.00-51.00	42-45	42.61	128	40.00-51.00	41-43	41.63	1,035	43.21	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	27.00-30.00	28	27.44	431	26.50-30.00	27.5-29	28.24	2,115	27.93	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,354	29.00-33.00	31-32	31.08	1,394	29.50-33.00	30-32	31.19	6,887	31.01	
WINGS (WHOLE)	314	83.00-99.00	96-98	97.01	314	85.00-99.00	96-98	97.24	1,569	96.85	
WINGS (CUT)	452	104.00-109.00	105-106	106.64	483	102.00-109.00	104-107	106.48	2,513	107.21	
DRUMSTICKS	123	49.00-53.00	-	50.46	113	49.00-53.00	-	51.46	525	51.46	
THIGHS	68	46.00-51.00	-	48.59	70	47.00-51.00	-	49.00	314	49.25	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					181	89.43

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JULY 12, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE**

47.50 - 52.50

**AVERAGE**

49.47

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUL 13, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE**

46.75 - 52.50

**AVERAGE**

49.62

**5-DAY****AVERAGE**

49.96

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, but was no better than moderate overall as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were available, and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Leg quarters were well cleared and the balance of dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged fair to moderate. The market tone was generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JULY 12

**CURRENT NEG****WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	138.61	534,440
TENDERLOINS	135	142.28	115,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	74.99	281,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	70.39	207,600
LEGS	41-42	46.64	256,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.00	615,323
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	46.43	188,880
THIGHS	37-38	41.17	200,880
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.98	63,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	95.42	342,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.20	87,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.75	123,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.83	124,640

**CURRENT NEG****WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	139.08	557,720	138.48	2,701,300
TENDERLOINS	135	139.85	130,865	140.05	585,242
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	74.73	296,400	74.51	1,399,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	69.56	162,000	70.02	881,920
LEGS	41-42	46.88	242,800	46.81	1,188,220
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.82	865,518	30.73	3,808,303
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	46.64	175,940	46.16	883,960
THIGHS	37-38	44.60	171,970	43.19	843,890
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.79	78,080	91.33	357,420
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	95.54	341,140	94.65	1,924,220
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.20	115,920	12.12	477,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.53	140,000	39.67	636,025
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.95	163,680	44.89	645,750

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		ACTUAL		AVG
	07/13	07/12	07/11	07/10	WTS	07/11	07/10	07/06	07/04
ALA	4,310	4,070	4,010	3,784	4.90	5.00	4,073	(A)	
ARK	5,803	5,029	5,185	5,108	4.73	4.75	6,878	(A)	
DELMARVA	2,439	2,337	2,131	2,345	5.11	5.04	2,396	(A)	
KY-LA-TN	2,092	2,019	1,933	1,975	4.50	4.50	2,407	(A)	
MISS	2,814	2,869	2,878	2,801	4.94	4.94	3,851	(A)	
NC	2,607	2,652	2,616	2,602	5.89	5.89	2,936	(A)	
TEXAS	2,364	2,378	2,389	2,414	4.72	4.45	2,484	(A)	
TOTAL	22,429	21,354	21,142	21,029	4.95	4.94	25,025	4.71	
MON-FRI108,679(B)							92,657(B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13 & 14-Jul-01 is estimated to be 33,556,000 down 10.64 percent from a week ago and up 0.2 percent from a year ago. (Last week 37,553,000; last year 33,477,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Jul-01 is estimated to be 156,242,000 head up 14.3 percent from a week ago, and down 3.3 percent from a year ago (Last week 136,728,000 Last year 161,559,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	96-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	94-96
HENS OVER 5#	104-113
DUCKS	113-123
	98
	91
	152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending June 30, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	35,394	24,343	45,188
Avg Weight	3.84	4.64	6.08
% of total /1	34%	23%	43%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	28,769	25,380	34,895
Avg Weight	3.71	4.77	5.98
% of total /1	32%	29%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,193	34,195	39,102
Avg Weight	3.65	4.80	6.01
% of total /1	27%	34%	39%
To date/2001	843,277	678,650	1,174,751
To date/2000	864,057	832,593	1,080,010

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 07-Jul-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	136,728(A)	1,449	1,237	2,686	398
AVG WT	5.07	3.40	7.84	5.44	6.92
LAST WEEK	164,632	1,931	1,418	3,349	484
SAME WK YR AGO	135,659	1,262	1,086	2,348	379
AVG WT	4.98	3.54	7.42	5.33	6.50
TO-DATE/2001	4,110,524	48,237	36,251	84,488	13,437
TO-DATE/2000	4,159,310	53,143	37,598	90,741	12,147

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 138.4 million head or 19.7 million head less than or 95 percent of estimated fryers available.

#### **EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 10, 2001**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.48 - 1.88	Silkie	2.50 - 3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30 - 1.58	Pigeons	2.50 - 3.50ea.
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .44	White Pigeons	3.10 - 3.60ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .62	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.10	4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits	
5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.12	7-11 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.00 - 3.50ea.
4-6 LBS	.40 - 1.22	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 3.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Goats	40.00 - 56.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.24 - 1.10	Kid Goats	25.00 - 52.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.65 - 1.75	Doves	3.50 - 5.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 8.50ea.	Pullets	
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.50ea.	4-6 LBS	.60 - .74
Leghorn Hens	.14 - .26		
Total Coops Sold 782			

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 09-JULY-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-85 64-71

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

#### **CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Trade sentiment was steady.

Demand was moderate to good. Sizes were desirable instances heavy. Slaughter schedules were back to normal following the holiday. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 09-JULY-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	120-123	124
MOSTLY		

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	2 144.2	156.7	92	5.16
	9 161.6	156.9	103	5.04
	16 164.2	158.1	104	5.01
	23 159.8	158.3	101	5.11
	30 166.6	158.5	105	4.91
JULY	7 138.4	158.1	88	5.07
YEAR TO DATE	4160.5	4142.7	100	
JULY	14	158.6		
	21	159.5		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	07/14/01	07/07/01	%CHG	07/15/00	%CHG
Broilers	156,242	136,728	+14	161,559	-03
Cattle	692	601	+15	721	-04
Hogs	1,755	1,441	+22	1,828	-04
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged on heavy canners, and about unchanged on light canners when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were clearing but ranged from about adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was moderate but not active. The undertone was usually steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS****(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

24-25.25 MAJORITY 23-25

**HEAVY CANNER HENS****(WITHOUT NECKS)**

31-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS****(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

24.5-28.25 MAJORITY 25

**HEAVY CANNER HENS****(WITHOUT NECKS)**

28-40 MAJORITY 32-33

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Demand was light and unaggressive. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to heavy. Canners movement was moderate with offerings fully adequate for needs. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of leghorn hens. Sales of finished product were slow with schedules full for next week. Trade sentiment was only steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings ample for the current fair demand. Excess spent hens continue to move to rendering operations with producer paying cost of shipping and processing. Slaughter schedules generally full-time for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

**LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

**HEAVY****RANGE****MAJORITY**

Southeast Heavy TFEWR (1)

Southeast Heavy TFEWR (2)

f.o.b. plant TFEWR

South Central Heavy TFEWR (1)

**LIGHT****RANGE****MAJORITY**

Eastern Light 0-0 (1)

Eastern Light 0-0 (2)

So. Central Light TFEWR (2)

No. Central Light TFEWR (1)

No. Central Light 0 (2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was only fair for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were irregular for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Spent hen demand was fair with offerings fully adequate for needs. Finished sales were slow to moderate. Schedules were full for next week. Trade sentiment was only steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full slaughter schedules. Demand was moderate. Offering adequate to cover current needs

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